

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 269, As Amended in the Senate

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1614, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RE-  
3 GARDING CAREER EXPLORATION COURSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PRO-  
4 VIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 16, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
9 ignated as Section 33-1614, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 33-1614. CAREER EXPLORATION. (1) Starting in fiscal year 2024, every  
11 student in grade 7 or grade 8 enrolled in an Idaho public school district,  
12 a specially chartered district, or a public charter school shall complete  
13 one (1) or more career exploration courses. A student may opt out by sub-  
14 mitting a form to the school showing the student's parent or legal guardian  
15 has consented to the student not participating in the career exploration  
16 courses pursuant to this section. Such courses should align to the "first  
17 step" standards set by the state board of education for career technical edu-  
18 cation. Such courses may be offered face-to-face, through virtual education  
19 programs, as online courses, or as hybrid courses consisting of a combina-  
20 tion of online and in-person instruction.

21 (2) All staff teaching a career exploration course must have partici-  
22 pated in a career exploration professional development course approved by  
23 the state board of education.

24 (3) The state board of education will maintain resources that can be  
25 utilized or modified for the implementation of this section.

26 (4) A career pathway plan shall be developed by students with the ap-  
27 proval of parents or guardians, with advice and recommendation from school  
28 personnel, which shall include career exploration courses or workforce dis-  
29 covery activities. The purpose of a parent-approved student career pathway  
30 plan is to outline a course of study and learning activities to help students  
31 become successful in life. Every student's career pathway plan shall be re-  
32 viewed annually and can be revised at any time. The student's school shall  
33 provide a personalized career pathway plan progress report to the student's  
34 parent or guardian. The progress report may be sent via electronic communi-  
35 cation.

36 (5) Funding provided in section 33-1002(2)(r), Idaho Code, in accor-  
37 dance with section 33-1212A, Idaho Code, may be used to support career explo-  
38 ration courses.

39 (6) Professional development funding provided pursuant to section  
40 33-1002, Idaho Code, may be used to provide professional development to ca-  
41 reer exploration course instructors.

1           SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
3 July 1, 2023.